

**Appendix B**  
**Cone Penetrometer Test Data**

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# **PRESENTATION OF CONE PENETRATION TEST DATA**

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# PRESENTATION OF CONE PENETRATION TEST DATA

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of a Cone Penetration Testing (CPT) program carried out at the Boeing Building 2 site located in Los Angeles, CA. The work was performed on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002. The scope of work was performed as directed by Arcadis G&M personnel.

## 2.0 FIELD EQUIPMENT & PROCEDURES

The Cone Penetration Tests (CPT) were carried out by GREGG IN SITU, INC. of Signal Hill, CA using an integrated electronic cone system. The CPT soundings were performed in accordance with ASTM standards (D 5778-95). A 20 ton capacity cone was used for all of the soundings (figure 1). This cone has a tip area of 15 cm<sup>2</sup> and friction sleeve area of 225 cm<sup>2</sup>. The cone is designed with an equal end area friction sleeve and a tip end area ratio of 0.85.

The cones used during the program recorded the following parameters at 5 cm depth intervals:

- Tip Resistance (qc)
- Sleeve Friction (fs)
- Dynamic Pore Pressure (U)

The above parameters were printed simultaneously on a printer and stored on a computer diskette for future analysis and reference.

The pore water pressure element was located directly behind the cone tip. The pore water pressure element was 5.0 mm thick and consisted of porous plastic. Each of the elements were saturated in silicon oil under vacuum pressure prior to penetration. Pore pressure dissipations were recorded at 5 second intervals when appropriate during pauses in the penetration.

A complete set of baseline readings was taken prior to each sounding to determine temperature shifts and any zero load offsets. Monitoring base line readings ensures that the cone electronics are operating properly.

The cones were pushed using GREGG IN SITU's CPT rig, having a down pressure capacity of approximately 20 tons. One CPT sounding was performed. The penetration test was carried to depths of approximately 90 feet below ground surface. Test locations and depths were determined in the field by Arcadis G&M personnel.

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The CPT sample holes were grouted using our support rig. The grouting procedure consists of pushing a hollow CPT rod with a "knock out" plug back down the hole to the test hole termination depth. Grout is then pumped under pressure as the tremie pipe is pulled from the hole.

**3.0 CONE PENETRATION TEST DATA & INTERPRETATION**

The cone penetration test data is presented in graphical form. Penetration depths are referenced to existing ground surface. This data includes CPT logs of measured soil parameters and a computer tabulation of interpreted soil types along with additional geotechnical parameters and pore pressure dissipation data.

The stratigraphic interpretation is based on relationships between cone bearing ( $q_c$ ), sleeve friction ( $f_s$ ), and penetration pore pressure ( $U$ ). The friction ratio ( $R_f$ ), which is sleeve friction divided by cone bearing, is a calculated parameter which is used to infer soil behavior type. Generally, cohesive soils (clays) have high friction ratios, low cone bearing and generate large excess pore water pressures. Cohesionless soils (sands) have lower friction ratios, high cone bearing and generate little in the way of excess pore water pressures.

Pore Pressure Dissipation Tests (PPDT's) were taken at various intervals in order to measure hydrostatic water pressures and approximate depth to groundwater table. In addition, the PPDT data can be used to estimate the horizontal permeability ( $k_h$ ) of the soil. The correlation to permeability is based on the time required for 50 percent of the measured dynamic pore pressure to dissipate ( $t_{50}$ ). The PPDT correlation figure (figure 2) is provided in the Appendix.

The interpretation of soils encountered on this project was carried out using recent correlations developed by Robertson et al, 1988. It should be noted that it is not always possible to clearly identify a soil type based on  $q_c$ ,  $f_s$  and  $U$ . In these situations, experience and judgement and an assessment of the pore pressure dissipation data should be used to infer the soil behavior type. The soil classification chart (figure 3) used to interpret soil types based on  $q_t$  and  $R_f$  is provided in the Appendix.

## **3.1 CPT PLOTS**

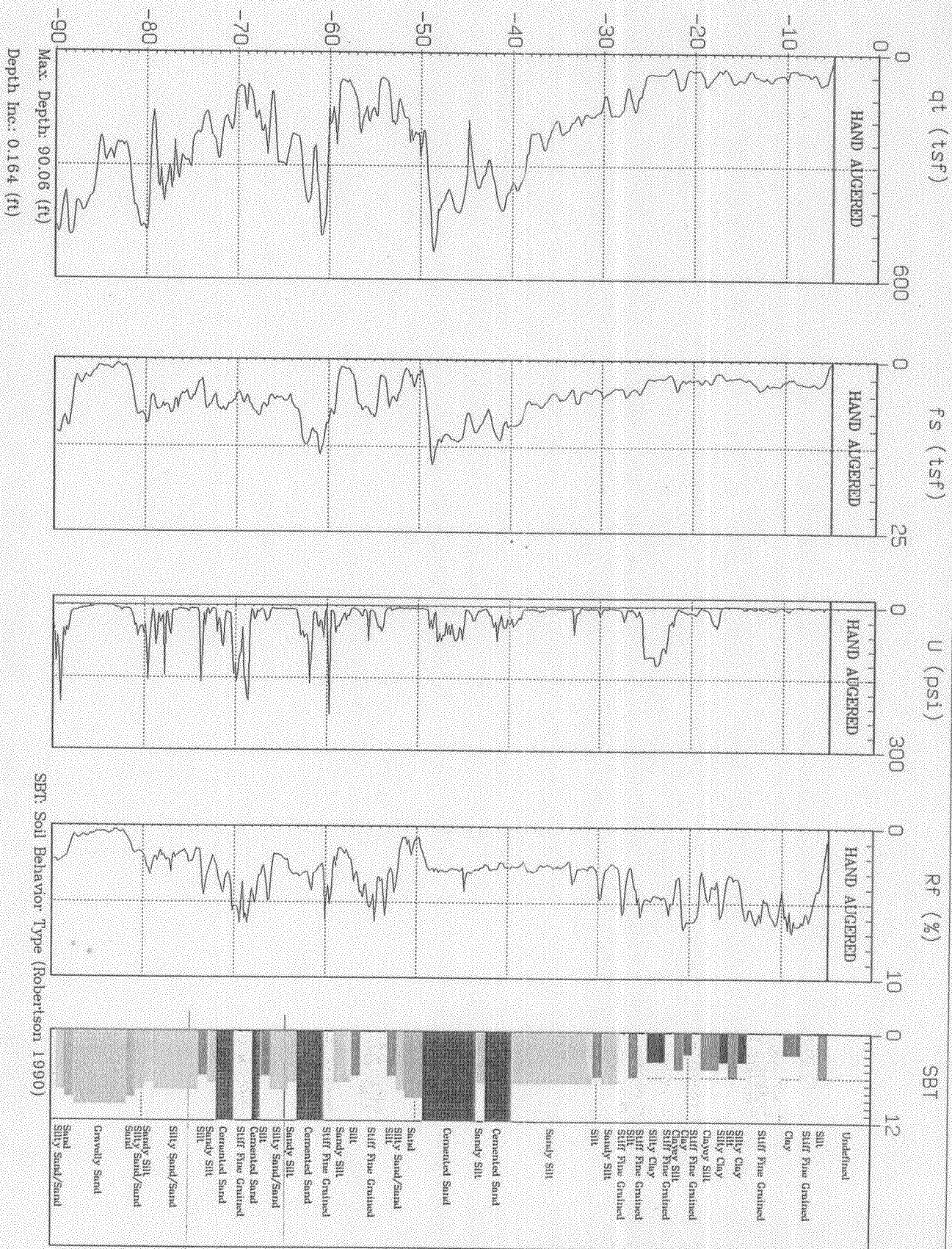


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Site : BOEING BLDG. 2  
Location : HT0001

Engineer : J. NGUYEN  
Date : 06:26:02 07:59

Depth (ft)



SBT: Soil Behavior Type (Robertson 1990)

# ELECTRICAL PIEZOCONE

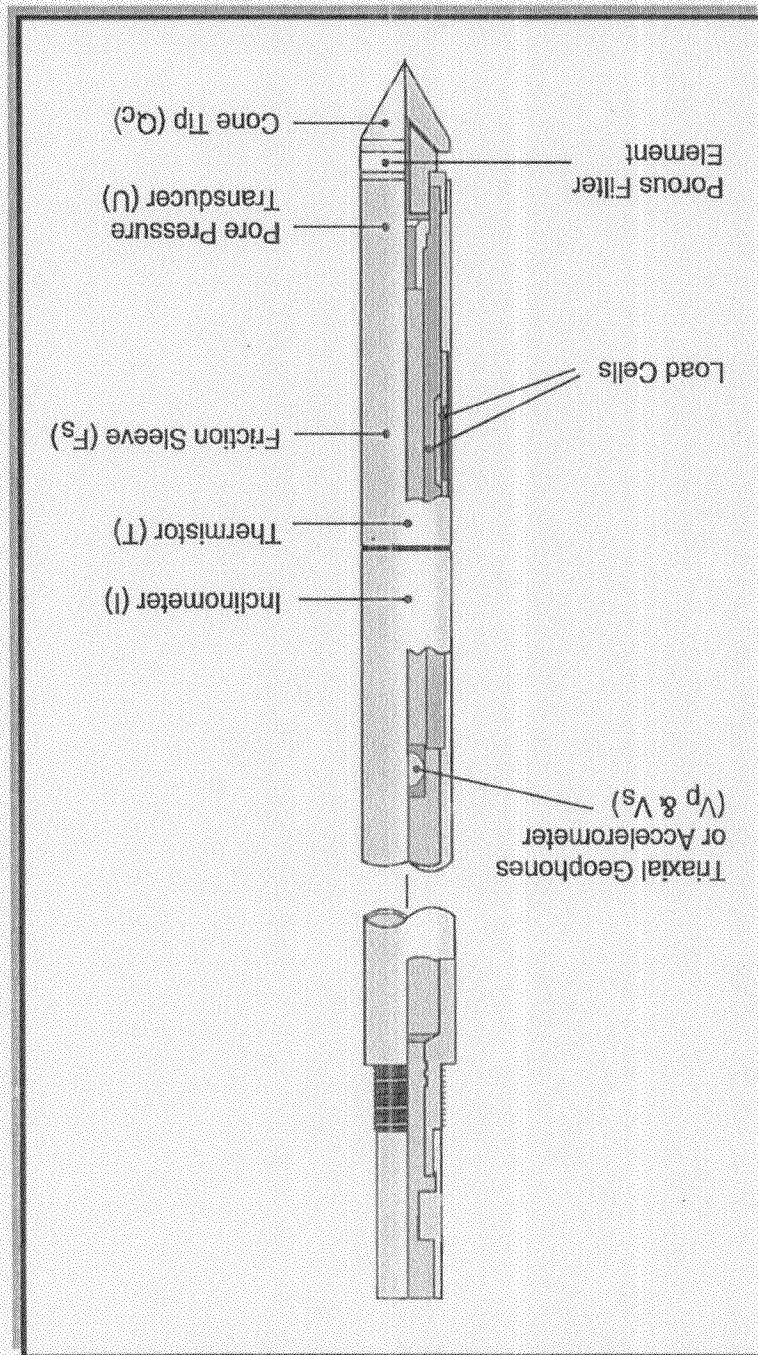


Figure 1



## **3.2 PORE PRESSURE DISSIPATION PLOTS**

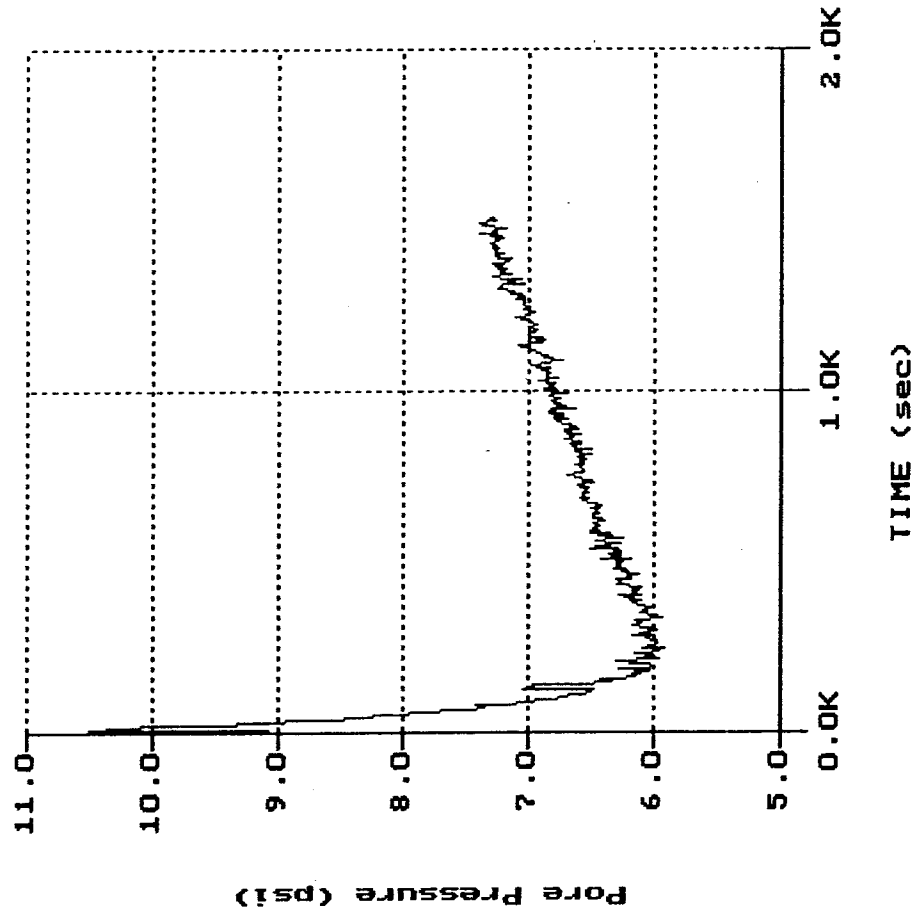
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Depth (m): 25.10  
(ft): 82.35  
Duration: 1510.0s  
U-min: 5.92 245.0s  
U-max: 10.50 10.0s

## PORE PRESSURE DISSIPATION RECORD



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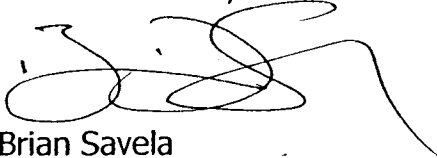
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We hope the information presented is sufficient for your purposes. We recommend that all data be carefully reviewed by qualified personnel to verify the data and make appropriate recommendations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (562) 427-6899.

Sincerely,

GREGG IN SITU, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Savelle', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Brian Savelle  
Operations Manager

## **APPENDIX**

# PPDT CORRELATION

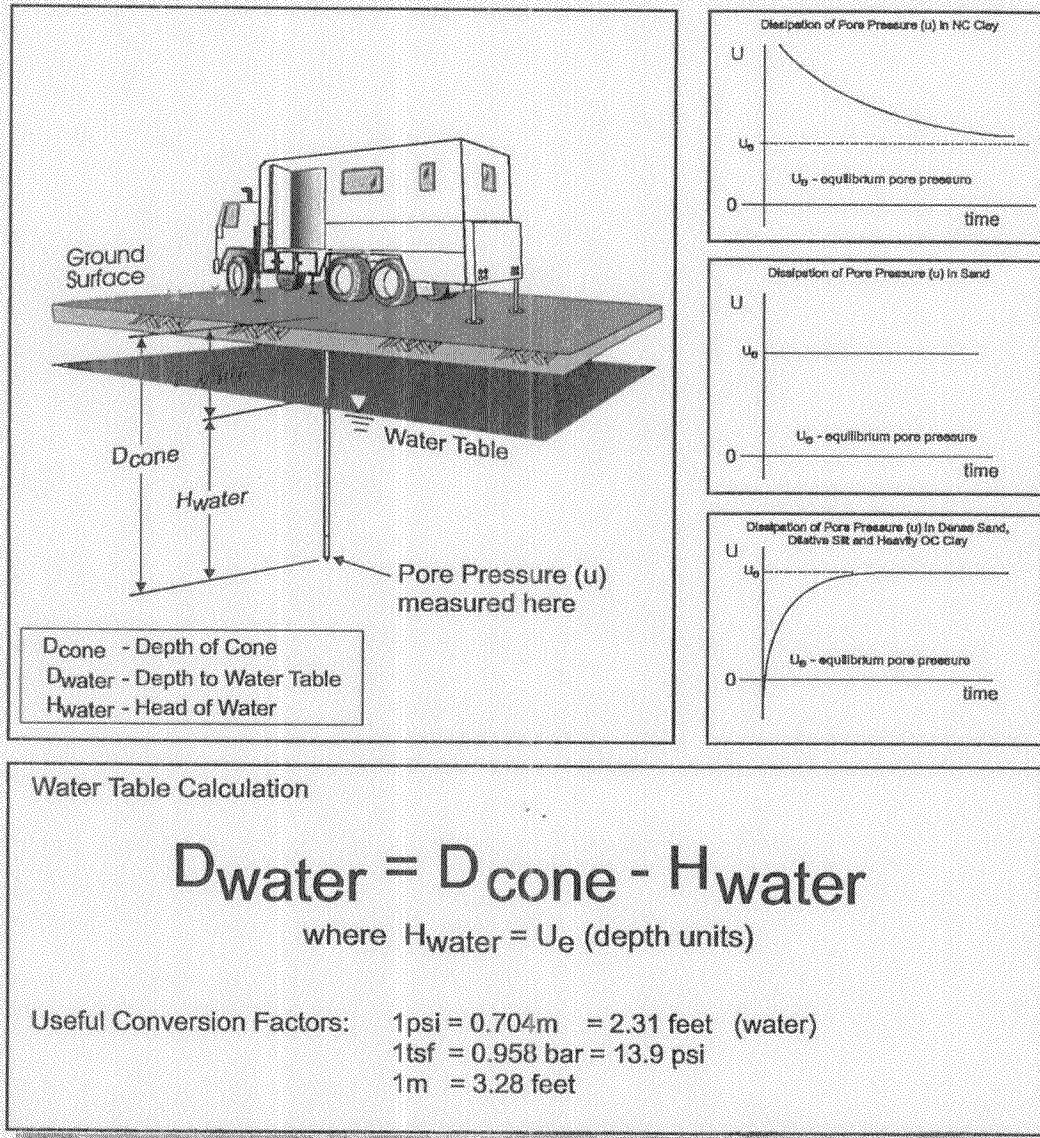
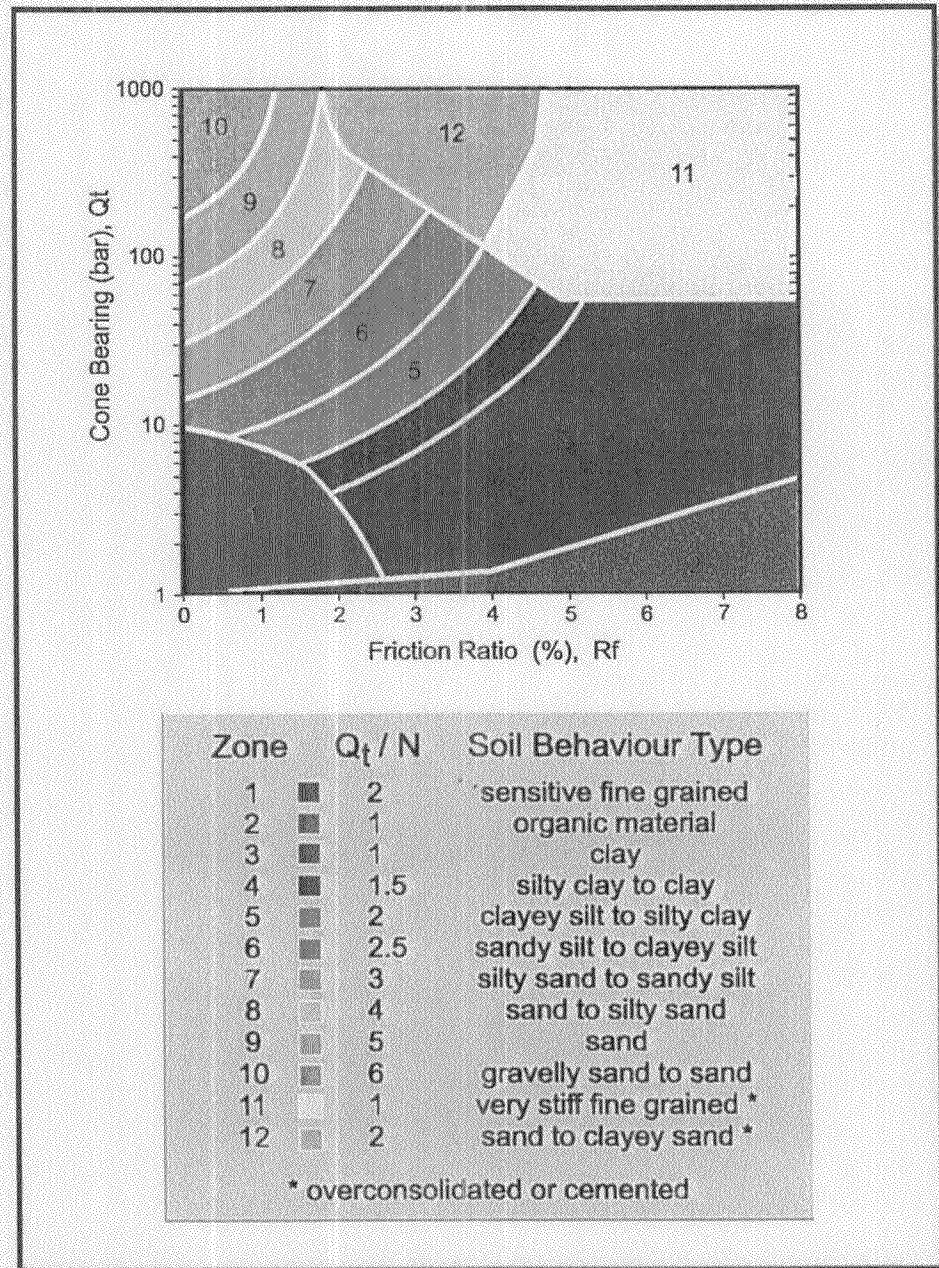


Figure 2

# SOIL CLASSIFICATION CHART



After Robertson and Campanella

Figure 3

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